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PATENT APPLICATION  
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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: Imam et al.  
Serial No. 08/845,897  
Filed: April 28, 1997  
For: POROUS METAL/ORGANIC  
POLYMERIC COMPOSITES

Examiner: B. Copenheaver  
Group Art Unit: 1771

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Preliminary to examination, kindly amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Kindly revise the claims as follows:

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1. (amended) An acoustically damping composite article, comprising a non-elastomeric polymeric matrix having therein a metal foam, said metal foam having an open cell structure, said metal foam being impregnated with said [a solid, bulk non-elastomeric polymer] polymeric matrix so as to completely penetrate said open cell structure of said foam and fill the cells thereof.

C2  
21. (twice amended) An acoustically damping composite article, comprising a polymeric matrix having therein a metal foam, said metal foam having an open cell structure, said metal foam being

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